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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed October 10, 2006 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

☒ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

| NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | | | EXTRA PRESENT | | RATE | ADDIT. FEE |
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| TOTAL | 34 | MINUS | 35 | * = | 0 | X | (\$25 SE or \$50) | \$-0- |
| INDEP. | 10 | MINUS | 9 | ** = | 1 | X | (\$100 or \$200) | \$100 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | | | X | (\$180 or \$360) | \$-0- |

* not less than 20

** not less than 3

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If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendments to the claims are submitted herewith.